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December 20, 2011

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

38 December 20, 2011

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SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ADOPT AND ADVERTISE
LANDSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS
HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD AND ATLANTIC AVENUE
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF
EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ AND LENNOX
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve the project for landscape improvements on Hawthorne Boulevard from 104th Street to 111th Street and on Atlantic Avenue from San Luis Street to north of Alondra Boulevard, in the unincorporated communities of East Rancho Dominguez and Lennox; find the project categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; adopt the plans and specifications; find that this project has designated a product by specific brand name; and call for bids.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications that are on file in the Construction Division of the Department of Public Works for Hawthorne Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue, landscape improvements, in the unincorporated communities of East Rancho Dominguez and Lennox, at an estimated construction contract cost between \$900,000 and \$1,050,000.

3. Authorize the Director or her designee to conduct a field test of a specific brand name of a pavement marking product (DuraTherm) at existing marked crosswalks within the project limits pursuant to Section 3400 of the State Public Contract Code.

4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids to be received and opened on January 24, 2012, in accordance with the Instruction Sheet for Publishing Legal Advertisement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval of the project from your Board and to adopt the plans and specifications and advertise for bids for landscape improvements and the performance of other appurtenant work.

The limits of the project are as follows:

- Hawthorne Boulevard from 104th Street to 111th Street
- Atlantic Avenue from San Luis Street to north of Alondra Boulevard

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help achieve these goals by enhanced aesthetics on Hawthorne Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue that enriches the quality of life for residents of the communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction contract cost to complete this project is in the range of \$900,000 to \$1,050,000. The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,606,000. In addition to the construction contract cost, the total project cost includes the costs of preparation of plans and specifications, consultant services, survey, material testing, inspection, contract administration, change order contingency, and other County of Los Angeles (County) services.

The project cost will be financed using \$161,000 from the Special Road District No. 2 Fund and \$1,445,000 from the Second Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program. Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Measure R Local Return Fund and will be made available in the Fiscal Year 2011-12 Special Road District No. 2 Fund Budget.

The annual maintenance cost of the landscaping improvements including graffiti removal is estimated to be \$41,000. Commencing in Fiscal Year 2012-13, sufficient appropriation will be included in the Second Supervisorial District's Annual Road Construction Program to finance the ongoing maintenance cost.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project, to contract for landscape improvements, is part of the Department of Public Works' (Public Works) ongoing program for the maintenance and improvement of roadway medians. This

project will be advertised in accordance with Section 20392 of the State Public Contract Code.

The State Public Contract Code, Section 3400, allows a product to be designated by a specific brand name for several purposes, one of which is to make a field test to determine the product's suitability for future use if the awarding authority makes a finding and language is included in the invitation for bids. The project plans and specifications designate DuraTherm thermoplastic material manufactured by Flint Trading Inc., to be applied to the crosswalks on Hawthorne Boulevard. The Notice Inviting Bids includes language describing this finding.

This project is to be completed in 105 working days. It is estimated the work will start in May 2012 and be completed in October 2012.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The award of the contract will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the Los Angeles County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Sections 15301(c) and 15304(b) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines; Class 1, Subsections (x)(9), (x)(10), (x)(13), and (x)(14); and Class 4, Subsection (c) of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. These exemptions provide for the reconstruction of crosswalks, median beautification, landscaping and tree planting, and irrigation system installation.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open-competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by your Board will be made after review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by your Board and the State Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by enhancing and improving the aesthetics on Hawthorne Boulevard and Atlantic Avenue that enriches the quality of life for residents of the communities.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Construction Division.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

12/20/2011

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gail Farber". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Gail" and last name "Farber" clearly legible.

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rita Robinson)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Internal Services Department (Countywide
Contract Compliance)